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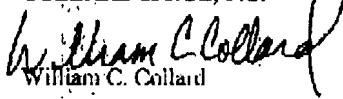
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Following is an Amendment in Response to First Office Action for the above-identified application

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## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: FRANZ NIEDEREIDER ET AL-1 (PCT)

SERIAL NO: 10/049,787 EXAMINER: C.C. SHAW

FILED: February 15, 2002 GROUP: 1725

TITLE: WELDING UNIT EQUIPPED WITH A COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE WELDING UNIT

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATT: BOX FEE AMENDMENT  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action dated May 20, 2003, with the time period for response being three months or August 20, 2003, and being extended two months or until October 20, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 18 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 30 of this paper.